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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR §1.53(b) is the  
☒ patent application of TAKATSUJI, et al.  
☐ continuation patent application of  
☐ divisional patent application of  
☐ continuation-in-part patent application of

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For: METHOD FOR SHORTENING INTERNODE OF INFLORESCENCE BY INTRODUCING GENE FOR PETUNIA TRANSCRIPTION FACTOR PetSPL2

☒ This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates:  
JP 10-224852 filed August 7, 1998, the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.

☒ Please amend this application by adding the following before the first sentence:--This application claims the benefit of Application JP 10-224852 filed August 7, 1998--the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference.--

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 5 sheet(s) of ☒ formal ☐ informal drawing(s); 24 pages of specification including description, claims and abstract; ☒ title page.
- ☐ An assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ A ☐ signed ☒ unsigned Declaration & Power of Attorney.
- ☐ A ☐ signed ☐ unsigned Declaration.
- ☐ A Power of Attorney by Assignee with Certificate under 37 CFR 3.73(b).
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 ☐ is enclosed ☐ was filed in the prior application and small entity status is still proper and desired.
- ☒ A certified copy of JP-10-224852
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97.
- ☐ A petition to extend time to respond in the parent application.
- ☐ Notification of change of ☐ power of attorney ☐ correspondence address filed in prior application.
- ☐ Please cancel claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ Other: Appendix A, (5 pages) and computer readable copy with transmittal letter.

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.53(f), Applicant requests deferral of the filing fee until submission of the Missing Parts of Application.

DO NOT CHARGE THE FILING FEE AT THIS TIME.

Respectfully submitted,  
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